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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO DACCA

REF: STATE 214241

1. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER TO DACCA. HE STRESSED THAT THIS WAS ONLY AN INITIAL PROPOSAL AND THE BDG IS PREPARED TO BE COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE IN ITS DESIRE TO ACCOMMODATE TO THE SECRETARY'S PREFERENCES. (PROPOSED SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR MRS. KISSINGER VIA SEPTEL).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1974
1135 HOURS ARRIVE AT DACCA AIRPORT BY SPECIAL PLANE. RECEIVED
BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER DR KAMAL HOSSAIN AND MRS.
HOSSAIN PRESENTATION: FLOWERS AND BOUQUETS
1150 HOURS DRIVE TO THE STATE GUEST HOUSE ACCOMPANIED BY THE
FOREIGN MINISTER AND BEGUM KAMAL HOSSAIN.
1200 HOURS ARRIVE AT THE STATE GUEST HOUSE. STAY AT THE STATE
GUEST HOUSE.
1230 HOURS CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER (INCLUDING MRS
KISSINGER)
1300 HOURS QUIET LUNCH (SEE PARA 2A)
1500 HOURS) FORMAL TALKS (WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER) AT THE
1400 HOURS) STATE GUEST HOUSE (SEE PARA 2B)
1730 HOURS CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER AT GANOBHABAN
1900 HOURS CALL ON THE PRESIDENT AT BANGABHABAN (SEE PARA 2C)
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2030 HOURS DINNER BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT HOTEL INTERCONTINEN-

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TAL (MIXED) FOLLOWED BY A CULTURAL SHOW (SEE PARA /$).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 11974
0800 HOURS LEAVE THE STATE GUEST HOUSE FOR THE AIRPORT ACCOMPANIED
BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND BEGUM KAMAL HOSSAIN (SEE
PARA 2E)
0815 HOURS ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT
PRESENTATION: FLOWERS AND BOUQUETS.
0830 HOURS TAKE OFF.

2. COMMENTS.
A. LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30. FOREIGN SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT "QUIET LUNCH" WAS MEANT TO GIVE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER A CHANCE FOR A PRIVATE LUNCH TOGETHER AT THE STATE GUEST HOUSE BUT THAT THE BDG WOULD ALSO BE PLEASED AT OFFER INSTEAD A WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER IF THAT WAS THE SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE. ALTERNATELY, THE AMBASSADOR WOULD BE HAPPY TO OFFER A STAG LUNCH FOR THE SECRETARY, HIS PRINCIPAL AIDES, AND KEY MISSION OFFICERS WHICH COULD BE PARALLELED BY LUNCHEON AT DCM'S RESIDENCE FOR MRS. KISSINGER AND LADIES OF THE MISSION.
B. SIGHTSEEING. FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID BDG WOULD BE GLAD TO ARRANGE A 30-45 MINUTE HELICOPTER RIDE, PROVIDING GOOD OVERVIEW OF DACCA AND BANGLADESH'S RIVER LIFE, AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 1, AND THAT TIME OF TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER COULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY. SUCH FLIGHT WAS ARRANGED FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL SAXBE WHEN HE WAS HERE.
C. PRESIDENTIAL COURTESY CALL NEED ONLY BE OF 15-MINUTE DURATION AT MOST.
D. FOREIGN MINISTER'S DINNER AS PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED WOULD RUN AROUND 70 (50 ON BDG SIDE INCLUDING CABINET AND WIVES; 20 ON USG SIDE).
E. FOREIGN SECRETARY ASSUMES SECRETARY WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE SHORT PRESS BRIEFING, POSSIBLY AT STATE GUEST HOUSE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT THURSDAY MORNING. HE SAID THAT IF THE SECRETARY ALSO WISHED HE COULD SPEAK TO NEWSMEN BRIEFLY ON ARRIVAL.
F. THE EARLIEST INDICATION OF THE SIZE OF THE PARTY WOULD BE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED AS THERE IS ONLY ONE SUITABLE HOTEL IN DACCA AND ARRANGEMENTS MUST GET UNDER WAY SOONEST TO ASSURE SPACE.
G. EMBASSY'S CONTROL OFFICER FOR THIS VISIT IS DCM IRVING CHESLAW.
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